

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

From Thursday's Daily.

A raw, chilly east wind prevailed yesterday.

A. Gillette, of Denver, is a guest at Hotel Burke.

A. Renghardt, of Hamburg, Germany, arrived in Prescott on last evening's train.

Frank D. Shumate came over last evening from Jerome.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cook came up from Phoenix yesterday.

Miss Tillinghast, of Chicago, came in on last evening's train.

J. P. Bauder went over to Jerome yesterday on a business trip.

Robert Crabtree will leave today to visit the St. Louis exposition.

D. Homer Jennings came in yesterday from the Lynx creek country.

The cavalry troop has returned from their practice march to Flagstaff.

The democratic candidates went north yesterday en route to Seligman.

S. B. Griffin, brother of Judge Griffin, left yesterday to visit a brother in Iowa.

Two car loads of powder arrived on yesterday's freight train from the north.

Mrs. Dudley left on yesterday's train for California, where she expects to reside.

Dr. Yount has returned from Flagstaff where he accompanied the Whipple troops.

J. C. Hartsfield, who is candidate for constable at Jerome, was in town yesterday.

J. C. Burie applied for his first naturalization papers yesterday in the district court.

The republican candidates went to Walker yesterday where they held a meeting last night.

D. Homer Jennings came in yesterday from Lynx creek where he is engaged in mining.

Mr. Rice, who takes orders for Hercules powder, is in town. He reports a good business here.

J. R. Grant and James Cashion of the Grant Bros. Construction company, are in Prescott.

Mrs. Hugh McCrum, of San Francisco, arrived in Prescott Tuesday night for a brief business visit.

The appraisement of the estate of the late Adolph Spadino was filed in the district court yesterday.

G. F. Finsler will engage in the auction business again. His first announcement appears in this issue.

Mrs. Ager has just received information that her youngest sister's husband was murdered a few days since at his home in Nebraska by tramps.

M. Turk, who was charged with assaulting an engineer at the brewery had his examination on Wednesday before Justice Talbot and was discharged from custody.

M. G. Burns, is working four men on the Mark Twain mine, south of town, on which he has a bond and lease. He is taking out some fine ore in doing development work.

G. F. Finsler, the auctioneer, will sell the furniture and household goods of Mr. Dyer 320 north Mt. Vernon ave., on next Tuesday afternoon. Do not fail to attend as the goods are up to date.

Friends of Mrs. Frank C. Krentz, nee Miss Sarah Dugan, last evening were the recipients of dainty little packages of wedding cake from her. The marriage took place October 19th at Winslow.

Barny Joyce, who was arrested for rolling a drunken man, had his preliminary examination on Wednesday before Justice Talbot and was held under \$500 bonds to appear before the grand jury.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Treadwell will leave today for a two months' visit east. H. M. Hubbard, the well known New York attorney who has been here for some time on professional business, returned with them.

Mr. Brockway, formerly in the auditor's office of the S. P. & P. railroad, but now in the employ of the United Verde Copper company, at Jerome, and Miss Lyda Scott, a most excellent young lady of Jerome were married last night by Rev. E. B. Taft, at the latter's residence.

A. J. Head yesterday finished covering the Elks' building. While the roof is not entirely completed a portion of it having to be yet covered with gravel and asphaltum, he says that it is ready to protect the interior from any storms. It will be completed this week. Work is being pushed on the interior of the building.

Forest Supervisor F. R. Stewart went out to Poland yesterday on forest reserve business. He telephoned in from that place last evening saying

that he ran into the first snow storm of the season in the mountains near Senator en route there. He said that the snow fell quite lively for a short time.

A. E. McManus, a distinguished lawyer of Duluth, Minnesota, arrived in Prescott yesterday and will remain in this city for a few days in the interests of the Yavapai development company, operating in the Black Canyon country. Mr. McManus is the president of that company.

The woman who complained of having been assaulted by Thomas Chacon failed to appear in court when subpoenaed, and Chacon was discharged from custody by Justice Talbot. Just to demonstrate to the woman that she could not trifle in such matters, a bench warrant was issued for her arrest and she was fined for contempt of court for not obeying the subpoena.

In his speech of Tuesday evening Mr. Murphy quoted a Kentucky gentleman as being anxious to have Mark Smith elected as delegate to congress from Arizona. Mr. Murphy's retort was that it was perfectly proper to have a Kentuckian sanction Smith's candidacy, and immediately the audience caught the drift of the sentiment and a general outburst of laughter followed. Mark is from Kentucky from top to bottom, and well everybody knows the fame of that state.

In the November number of Everybody's Magazine in his article or "Frenzied Finance," page 601, Thos. W. Lawson says: "I could give you, had I the space, a thousand and one of the marvels which this 'System' is performing in the present campaign and which will have for their finish the sudden purchase of a few doubtful states a few days before election, and the annihilation of Theodore Roosevelt and his ambitions, and—hell for the American people."

That hot air plant being installed in the court house, by order of the supervisors, and at the expense of the taxpayers, is not yet completed. The installation of this plant among other foolish, senseless and not needed things for which the present board of supervisors have squandered the public funds, should warm the voters up to a realization that it is time to make a new deal entirely in that branch of the public service. This heating plant was installed solely on the application of one man who wanted the job and not on the request of officials or occupants of the court house. It will cost the taxpayers nearly \$4500 to install it and will probably increase the fuel bill and will necessitate the employment of a man to run it. Under the old regime of heating the court house the county purchased the fuel and the prisoners in the jail carried it into the various offices and built the fires. The rooms were all comfortably heated too.

From Friday's Daily.

Charles McGarr is in town from Yuma.

W. C. Miller, mayor of Jerome, was in town Thursday.

T. C. Nolan left yesterday for Needles on a hunting trip.

A vote for the republican ticket is a vote for a reduction of taxes.

Vote for Barney Smith—and the rock will be put on the public highways instead of in the plaza.

Mrs. George A. Beach entertained a number of ladies at her residence at Mt. Vernon street Wednesday.

Mrs. Patterson, wife of Sergeant Patterson, of Whipple, left yesterday for Fort Wingate for a visit.

A vote for Jordan for recorder will mean at least a saving of \$3000 to the taxpayers if he gets enough to elect him.

Mrs. Elwin Tarr returned yesterday to her home at Jerome after a visit of several days in Prescott with Mrs. Harry Brisley.

Mrs. T. C. Nolan went out yesterday to Crown King to visit Mrs. J. K. McDonnell during the absence of Mr. Nolan on a hunting trip.

Lee Pfau and C. K. Tibbetts came in yesterday from the Pfau mining company's property on Cherry creek and will go to Ash Fork today to meet their families.

The poor farmer or miner is obliged to pay his full amount of taxes at the rate of 100 cents on the dollar—while the poor struggling United Verde gets a rebate of 25 per cent.

Mrs. J. L. Munds and her son and daughter left yesterday for the world's fair. After a visit there she is contemplating a visit to Los Angeles to remain during the winter.

The jury list for the November term of court was drawn yesterday. It consists of twenty one grand jurors, returnable November 7th, and forty trial jurors returnable November 14th.

Two handsome flagstaffs have been placed in position on the Elks new building. One is quite high and is intended for the national colors, which is one of the emblems used in the order, and the other is for use for the flag of the order to be raised on the

day preceding the meeting of the lodge.

W. S. Elliott returned yesterday from Hot Springs where he has been superintending the improvements to the hotel there. He says that they are about completed and the hotel will be ready to open by November 1.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Treadwell and H. M. Hubbard, the well known young attorney of New York left yesterday for San Francisco and after a brief visit there will continue their journey east. Mr. and Mrs. Treadwell expect to be absent about two months. If not pressed for time on leaving San Francisco they expect to go east via the Canadian Pacific railroad.

Work is progressing rapidly on the construction of the Congregational church. W. T. Houlihan has plasterers at work plastering the inside rooms and has cement workers building the cement stairways at the entrances to the building. The belfry is also assuming shape under the skillful manipulation of the brick masons. It is hoped to have the building completed in time to hold the Thanksgiving services in it if not even sooner than that.

All along the line comes the good news that the voters of Yavapai county intend to make a change in the offices of county recorder, treasurer, probate judge, school superintendent and the board of supervisors. They have grown tired of being assessed \$4.00 on every hundred dollar's worth of property they possess, of being sued by officials for fees to which they are not entitled, of having their hard earned dollars spent for hauling rock on the plaza when the county road in some places are impassable almost, and for hot air plants that the county doesn't need any more than a wagon needs six wheels.

Frank Jordan, the republican candidate for recorder emphatically says that if he is elected to that office he will be satisfied with the salary of the office and will turn all fees received by the office into the county treasury. If this is done it will mean several thousand dollars revenue to the taxpayers of the county and this certainly should be a consideration to a tax ridden people instead of having the county sued by democratic officials for the fees of an office to which they are not entitled, simply because of a technicality in the law. The county recorder's office pays \$2000 per year. Don't you think this enough? If you do; say so, by casting your vote for Frank Jordan.

From Saturday's Daily.

C. C. Stuke is in town from Walker.

D. J. Sullivan returned on Friday from a visit to Congress.

The Eagles initiated four new members on Thursday evening.

C. Douglas Brown went up to Cedar Glade Friday to have a week's deer hunt.

The county republican candidates held a rousing meeting at McCabe last evening.

Mrs. Tom Bate went to Del Rio on yesterday's train for a few days' visit with friends.

Mrs. E. T. Brown returned yesterday from attending the W. C. T. U. convention in Phoenix.

J. H. Robinson, clerk of the board of supervisors is working overtime these evenings sending out election supplies to the various precincts.

A strong odor of gas prevailed the atmosphere in the vicinity of the railroad station this morning giving very strong evidence of the existence of an active gas plant in that neighborhood.

E. E. Greenwood has planned out for two or three cottages which he proposes to build on some lots owned by him in west Prescott. The plans were prepared by Architect W. S. Elliott and will be cosy and comfortable cottages.

W. H. Mann, a telegraph operator from Jerome Junction, was in town on Friday. Mr. Mann was formerly in the employ of R. R. Coleman, during the construction period of the S. F. P. & P. railroad.

Redmond Toohy passed through Prescott again yesterday on his return trip from Phoenix to Jerome. Mr. Toohy has eight animals engaged in his freighting contract between Jerome and the Iron King mine.

The republican candidates held a most enthusiastic meeting at Walker and Poland, at the former place on Wednesday evening and at Poland on Thursday evening. The candidates were much encouraged a both places at the promises of support tendered them.

At the recent sessions of the territorial convention of the W. C. T. U., held in Phoenix, officers were elected as follows: president, Mrs. Imogene La Chance, of Phoenix; vice president, Miss C. Gilchrist, Phoenix; recording secretary, Mrs. J. L. Munds, Prescott; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. Thomas, Phoenix; treasurer, Mrs. S. D. Wilbur, Mesa. Prescott was awarded a banner for the greatest increase in membership during the year.

## SHERIFF ROBERTS REFUTES THE SLANDEROUS STATEMENTS IN THE CAPTURE OF THE GODDARD MURDERERS

Malicious and willful attempts to prejudice have time and again been made in this campaign as to the relation of Sheriff Roberts to the Goddard murderers, criminally as well as financially. The Herald has wantonly and viciously endeavored through a personal channel to poison the voter against this official on these grounds, and the individual has likewise persisted in the work. On one hand the press attacks this officer and attempts to create the impression that Mr. Roberts is a repudiator and the avenue of a single individual is the basis for such an assertion. On the other hand the official record of the sheriff in the capture of these Mexicans is assailed on the same grounds of authority.

Believing that it is but just to the people as well as to Sheriff Roberts that such scurrilous methods should be dissipated, a representative of this paper had the opportunity of interviewing him a few days ago, and in the interest of common decency as well as official integrity, we are permitted to give a true history of the questions that have arisen, and as well ask of the people an investigation of the controversy on the merits of what can be shown and proven. Mr. Roberts is also prepared to substantiate any assertion he hereby authorizes, and will defend his record as he can prove it.

It is unnecessary to go into the details of the work generally that resulted in the capture. In this connection Mr. Roberts however desires to say the following:

From the day of the Goddard murder to the day of the execution, Mr. Blankenship and Sheriff Roberts had never met personally, and although Sheriff Roberts had made two or three trips to Naco and other points in Southern Arizona, on the same mission, no communication was ever had between them except the furnishing of a printed description of the men wanted, and that was done through other channels. At every point visited by Sheriff Roberts, including Cananea, the home of Blankenship, the latter was not to be found. From the beginning to the end of this capture, Mr. Blankenship was never seen nor personally consulted, and any authority given him to act and work on the matter was of no more weight or authority than was given by Mr. Roberts to many other officers at various points on the border. Appreciating that Mr. Blankenship was well qualified to perform criminal service as it was desired in this particular case, it was but natural that Sheriff Roberts single out that individual, and he did so just as he requested many others to work in conjunction with him.

When the capture took place Sheriff Roberts received the following telegram from Naco, and it is here reproduced and can be substantiated by the Postal company in this city as to its genuineness:

"Naco, March 31; 1903, via Phoenix.—J. I. Roberts, Prescott, Arizona: Have Mexican with scar under right eye and pox mark

Mexican is here in Mexico and can be got.

[Signed]

"Billie Blankenship,

"R. P. P. Giles, Deputy Sheriff."

This telegram is the solution of the problem of the actual capture of the men. Sheriff Roberts immediately left and went direct to Naco where the Mexicans were turned over to him by Mr. Giles. Blankenship did not even show up at this time and it was then and is today Mr. Roberts' sacred impression that Mr. Giles performed the service, although Mr. Roberts is just as fair enough to give Mr. Blankenship a diligent regard as figuring in the capture, but no more so than is Mr. Giles entitled to. On all trips to Southern Arizona Mr. Giles was seen, but Blankenship was never personally consulted. The capture when made was effected by Mr. Giles, and whether or not this officer was working in conjunction with Blankenship figures only to the extent of the association at long range in partnership, and financial agreements associated to the work, between them, if there were any such. It will be seen, therefore, that from the first to the last act in this criminal chapter, Blankenship never showed up personally before Sheriff Roberts. But at the last minute in a political campaign in Yavapai he does attempt to make a capture—of what?

Reverting to the reward of the governor, Sheriff Roberts also desires to say the following:

With Sheriff Cook of Maricopa I went to the governor and we both requested a reward to be offered, agreeing on \$250 apiece. Such was then authorized by the executive. After the conviction of the Mexicans the governor consulted me as to who was entitled to the pay therefor, and I desire to say in that connection that then and there I informed Governor Brodie that under all the circumstances, as I considered them, to pay the \$500 to Mr. Blankenship. I received not a penny, but on the other hand I was desirous to see the southern officers rewarded, even if I had moulded the work for them. I selected Mr. Blankenship as the one to receive this money for the reason that the above telegram from Giles created the belief that they were working in conjunction with the capture, although I had never seen Mr. Blankenship personally, and I practically worked through Mr. Giles on that basis. I also desire to say that after the question of the paying of the reward came up for discussion, Mr. Giles was evidently dissatisfied with Blankenship's association with the matter, and he placed the collection of the reward in the hands of the district attorney of Cochise county for his (Giles') benefit and furthermore I can substantiate this assertion. It will be seen by this action of Mr. Giles that Giles was evidently afraid of Blankenship on the money question. However that matter was adjusted as to the proportion each was to receive, I believe, for no legal action was brought on that issue. I also desire to pay a deserved compliment

to Billy Cook, the sheriff of Maricopa county, in this matter. He furnished me invaluable advice, legally, as well as did he criminally. He worked with me all the way through, and never asked a dollar for the service he gave me or a cent of the many dollars he was out of pocket. I submit to the people of Yavapai an excerpt from many letters of correspondence had between Mr. Blankenship and myself after the capture and after my arrival in Prescott with the prisoners, and the same are open to the public today in my office. The following are material:

Prescott, April 14, 1903.—Mr. J. W. Blankenship, La Cananea: As to reward from county none was offered. You will have to help me get evidence. Do not worry about the reward; I will assist you.

On April 20 to the same person: Got a letter today from the assistant district attorney of Cochise county who writes for Mr. Giles and claims the reward. Did not say anything about wanting the reward in answering the letter, as I do not want to cause any hard feeling until after the trial. Also on Oct. 20th the following to Governor Brodie: I have received several letters from Blankenship asking that he might get the reward and I stated to him that I did not claim it, and that it was a matter between himself and Mr. Giles, who also claims it.

As to the report that I offered a personal reward of \$50 each, I desire to brand that as a malicious lie, and I challenge the production of the authority for such an accusation. If an attempt is to be made legally to make me pay this sum, I will fight it on that basis to the end. If an attempt is also to be made to make political capital against me on the same lines, I ask the people to be guided by what will be produced officially, not politically.

Taking into consideration everything as above submitted, from the day of the capture in Naco to the day of the execution of the murderers in Prescott; the association of Sheriff Roberts to this crime officially as well as financially is an honorable and upright one between man and man, and as far as Blankenship figures in the matter it will be seen that he got by far the best of the transaction, and yet he wants more. The Herald in its cowardly attack on the sheriff in the manner it has resorted to in this campaign, is a direct insult to a man that has labored earnestly, fearlessly and liberally from the first to the last. And yet in its personal and political blindness it would dare ask the people to believe Blankenship, the figurehead, to Roberts, the practical and efficient officer he has demonstrated himself to be in every way. But this is not surprising, as the narrow means this paper resorts to in always going off half cocked with its small calibre pop gun, is only too well known and as firmly established. Mr. Roberts is not asking re-election on the Goddard issue solely, but likewise on any other question, officially as well as criminally, he has been associated to.

Mrs. T. W. Otis is reported to be quite sick.

This is the last day of Wooster's closing out sale.

Ben Hartwick has returned from his trip east.

The supreme court was in session in Phoenix yesterday.

Buy Christmas presents at Wooster's sale, and save half your money.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyer and family are arranging to move to San Diego to reside.

Mrs. A. J. Peat and Mrs. R. C. Bates left Friday for California for a visit of several weeks.

G. W. Neat has sold his cattle and with his family will move to the state of Washington. They expect to leave next week.

H. M. Maus has been elected president of the Champions of Fraternity lodge. The lodge is still adding to its membership.

James Hamilton, a well known cow boy of Walnut creek, arrived in town on Thursday evening and returned home yesterday.

Miss Bessie Blalock, who was convalescing from an attack of typhoid fever has had a relapse and was reported quite sick yesterday.

A number of masons have been employed to go out to Cherry creek to work on the foundation of the building for the Pfau Gold Mining company.

Will Graham, foreman of J. B. Hooker's livery stable left yesterday on a hunting trip in the Juniper mountains. He was accompanied by Joe Reiman.

The Courier office completed the work of printing the great register yesterday evening. The oldest man on the register is Joseph Ehle, aged ninety years.

Fred E. Biles, of the Dividend Consolidated Mining company, and who will represent Yavapai county in the assembly hall of the next legislature, was in town yesterday.

R. B. Burmister has been quite sick for a few days threatened with pneumonia, but was reported much better last evening and the disease was thought to have been broken.

George Walls, an employe of the Palace saloon, was thrown from a fractious horse yesterday and had a bone of his right leg broken near the ankle, his leg being doubled up under him.

county, the sellers being J. W. Stewart, J. Bozarth, P. C. Wilder and George Connell. The cattle will be shipped to Phoenix and placed on pasture there.

Frank Malone, a former democrat who has been converted from the error of his political ways to a full fledged republican, went south last night to do missionary work among his erring former fellow democrats. It is said that Frank is quite an eloquent orator.

Mrs. Lee Pfau and Mrs. C. K. Tibbetts arrived on last night's train from the east and will go out to the property of the Pfau Gold Mining coming to reside, where very comfortable accommodations have been provided for them. Messrs. Pfau and Tibbetts went up to Ash Fork yesterday to meet the ladies.

The court house heating plant was fired up yesterday and tax payers can now come to town and warm their shins at the coils of pipe located in the main hall of the building. An extra heat will be kept on these pipes during tax paying time so that the tax payers may be made to feel as comfortable as possible while shelling out their four per cent tithes into the public coffers to be squandered for everything that a supervisor might take a fancy.